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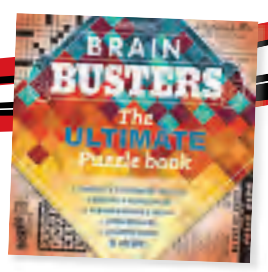

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At last, speedy trains set to go

Brightline will introduce limited service Saturday

By Wayne K. Roustan
Staff writer

Brightline higher-speed passenger trains will start introductory service Saturday with fares starting at $10.

That will buy a one-way ticket in the 66-seat Smart Coach. Tickets cost $15 one way for the more spacious 50-seat Select Coach, the Brightline equivalent of first class in a commercial airliner.

Seniors, active military and veterans will receive a 10 percent discount. Children up to age 12 will get a 50 percent discount, officials said.

Brightline is also set to launch its mobile app and a new website to buy tickets, check schedules and get other travel information.

"We believe the comfort and convenience of our travel experience paired with premium hospitality will

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Man shot, paralyzed by deputy loses $22M award

Appeals court cites faulty evidence, orders new trial

By Lisa J. Huriash
Staff writer

An appeals court has thrown out a $22.4 million jury award to a man who was unarmed when he was shot and paralyzed by a Palm Beach County Sheriff's deputy.

Stephens

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered a new trial on claims by 24-year-old Dontrell Stephens. It was the largest jury verdict against the Sheriff's Office in the history of the agency, attorneys said.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Sgt. Adams Lin shot Stephens in September 2013 after stopping him for riding his bicycle erratically in traffic.

In their ruling released Wednes-

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Immigration agents target 7-Eleven stores

CHRIS CARLSON/AP

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents descend on a 7-Eleven store in Los Angeles on Wednesday. About 100 stores were targeted nationwide in what one administration official said was "a harbinger of what's to come" for employers.

Five in S. Fla. checked for hiring-law compliance; no arrests made

By Skyler Swisher
Staff writer

Immigration agents descended on five South Florida 7-Eleven stores Wednesday to interview workers and review records as part of what officials described as the largest operation against an employer under Donald Trump's presidency.

About 100 stores were targeted nationwide in what one administration official said was "a harbinger of what's to come" for employers.

"This is what we're gearing up for this year, and what you're going to see more and more of is these large-scale compliance inspections," Derek Benner, acting head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, told the Associated Press.

Agents visited stores in Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Homestead, Miami Beach and Haverhill in Palm Beach County, said Nestor Yglesias, a spokesman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Agents also visited two stores in Vero Beach.

No arrests were made Wednesday at those locations, Yglesias said. Officials are

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Hostage bill has local tie

Coral Springs resident Bob Levinson, a hostage in Iran since 2007, is cited in bill to crack down on rights abuses. **Story, 6A**

Lodging and a lawsuit?

The University of Wisconsin football team's Orange Bowl stay at a resort owned by President Trump is potential fodder for a lawsuit. **Story, 1B**

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Mueller-Trump interview unlikely

President says it "seems unlikely" he'd talk with special counsel about Russia probe. **2A**

Court delay leaves DACA in limbo

Ruling to stop Trump from ending protections stalls congressional urgency to act. **3A**

JIM RASSOL/STAFF FILE PHOTO

This lionfish was caught during a 2012 derby in West Palm Beach. Some scientists are skeptical of the derbies' effectiveness.

Lionfish-killing derbies are useful, study claims

By David Fleshler | Staff writer

They are festive killing sprees, contests among divers armed with spears and nets to catch the biggest haul of venomous, nonnative fish that have colonized South Florida's reefs.

Lionfish derbies take aim at the spiky, elaborately decorated fish from the Indian and Pacific oceans that have done to Florida's coastal waters what Burmese pythons have done to the Everglades. The fish devour native species and compete with them for prey, while reproducing at a rate that has frustrated attempts at controlling them.

The derbies, organized by environmental groups and scuba organizations across South Florida, award cash prizes for the most fish caught, the biggest fish and even the smallest fish, in a party atmosphere that

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